

START STRIKE PROBE

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE BEGINS WORK—MINERS TO PRESENT CASE.

PLAN OF ACTION OUTLINED

Miners Say the Investigation Will Not End the Trouble, but Will Show that Peonage Existed Long Before the Strike Was Called.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Hancock, Mich.—Causes that led up to existing conditions in the Michigan copper country will be the first subject presented to the congressional investigating committee by the striking miners. This statement was made by O. N. Hilton, senior counsel for the Western Federation of Miners, who will have charge of the strikers' testimony to be introduced at the first meeting of the committee.

The mine owners have not publicly outlined their plan of testimony beyond saying that they will produce any witnesses and all records required by the congressional committee.

Seven subjects of inquiry are specified in the house resolutions: Whether the postal services are interfered with. Whether immigration laws are being violated. Whether citizens have been arrested and tried contrary to the constitution or laws of the United States. Whether there exists agreements and combinations contrary to law for controlling the production, sale and transportation of copper. Whether arms and ammunition have been shipped into the field for the purpose of excluding the products of the mines from competitive markets in the interstate trade. Whether peonage exists, or has been maintained. If any or all of these conditions exist, what causes led up to the situation.

ISSUES A FLOOD WARNING.

Drainage Congress Head Deplores Lack of Funds.

Washington.—Financial starvation has halted efforts of the national drainage congress to guard against a recurrence of the floods which damaged the middle western and southern states last year.

Edmund T. Perkins, president of the congress, notified Ernest P. Bicknell, national director of the Red Cross society, of his inability to continue operations because of lack of funds, and warned the Red Cross to be prepared to cope again in a few weeks with flood havoc such as that of last year, which cost the American people nearly a thousand lives and property to the value of \$200,000,000.

Mr. Perkins asserted that the abnormal winter, with light snowfall, gives ground to expect the Red Cross will again be set to the alleviation of "disasters which the American republic has not yet decided to avert." The misery of Mexico and foreign countries, he said, has overshadowed the threatened calamity in the United States; congress has failed to act, and such acts as reclamation of western arid lands had been allowed to eclipse the pressing demand for flood prevention measures.

Pythians Plan Celebration.

Boston, Mass.—The program of the Golden Jubilee celebration by the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Washington, February 19, in observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the fraternity, was announced by George W. Penniman, secretary of the Golden Jubilee commission. The order was instituted in 1864 at Washington, where two of the organizers, Abram Van Der Steer and Edward S. Kimball, still live. The program includes a reception by President Wilson at the White House, an address on "Fraternity" by Secretary of State Bryan, past chancellor of the Pythian lodge at Lincoln, Neb., and speeches by Walter B. Ritchie, of Lima, O., past supreme chancellor; Mrs. Ida N. Johnson, Central City, Colo., and a number of others.

Rich Man Kills Priest.

San Antonio, Tex.—S. Virun Brales, a Spanish missionary priest, was shot and fatally wounded at the country home of Charles Baumberger, a wealthy San Antonio manufacturer. Mr. Baumberger and his son, S. A. Baumberger, surrendered to the sheriff and were released on \$5,000 bond. Neither of the two men would make a statement. It was learned, however, that they found Brales in the house when they returned home unexpectedly. The priest died at a hospital here. Church authorities said a man by the name of S. Virun Brales had worked in this diocese as a traveling missionary, but they assert he no longer was connected with the diocese.

Bank Insolvency, Directors Assert. Memphis, Tenn.—Directors of the Memphis bank, considered one of the strongest here, declared the bank insolvent and ordered its doors to remain closed.

Stewart Fatal. St. Louis, Mo.—Fred Stewart was in a collision with a car on the highway here, which resulted in his death.

SUMMARY OF THE WORLD'S EVENTS

IMPORTANT NEWS BOILED DOWN TO LAST ANALYSIS.

ARRANGED FOR BUSY READERS

Brief Notes Covering Happenings in This Country and Abroad That Are of Legitimate Interest to All the People.

Washington

This bill attempts to Russianize America; it would establish a censorship over the press by the postmaster general; American newspapers will not tolerate it. Such was the comment of Senator Hitchcock to fellow members of the senate banking and currency committee at Washington at the hearing on the stock exchange regulation bill offered by Chairman Owen.

A constitutional amendment abolishing absolute divorce with the privilege of remarriage was introduced in the senate at Washington by Senator Ransdell of Louisiana.

The Burnett immigration bill providing a literacy test for applicants for admission to the United States was passed by the house at Washington by a vote of 241 to 125. All proposed amendments relating to the exclusion of Asiatic immigrants previously had been eliminated.

Preparations are being made by the weather bureau for the establishment of a bureau and substations in the Panama canal zone to warn ships.

Col. George W. Goethals was confirmed by the senate at Washington to be governor of the canal zone. It becomes effective April 1 under the executive order creating a permanent civil government for the zone.

A protest against the use of firearms and the employment of armed guards and private detectives in labor disputes and strikes was made by Secretary W. B. Wilson of the department of labor in his first annual report submitted to President Wilson at Washington.

Led by the patriotic speeches of Representatives Mann, Sabath and Rainey of Illinois and Sherley of Kentucky the house at Washington overwhelmingly defeated all Asiatic amendments to the immigration bill.

House Democrats in caucus at Washington sustained President Wilson in his position that female suffrage is a state and not a federal issue. By a decisive vote of 127 to 33 they adopted a resolution referring the question back to the states and refused congressional action.

Vice-President Marshall laid before the senate at Washington a resolution from the committee on privileges and elections "that Frank P. Glass is not entitled to a seat in the senate of the United States as a senator from Alabama."

Following a spirited debate the senate at Washington, adopted by 41 to 11 Senator Norris' resolution requesting the interstate commerce commission to ascertain whether in the last six years the United States Steel corporation has been guilty of giving or receiving rebates.

That experts of the navy department at Washington juggled statistics in the navy year book for 1913 so as to make the American navy appear inferior to Germany's, and thereby set the United States down from second to third place as a sea power, was charged by members of the house who oppose a "big navy."

President Wilson again told the suffragists at Washington that he could not help them. When 400 working girls, representing ten states and more than 50 industries, called at the White House the president explained to them that he could not take the initiative in indorsing any legislation and that woman suffrage would have to be supported by the Democratic party before he would express his views upon it.

Domestic

Joseph Schmicke, a diamond broker, was waylaid and robbed of diamonds worth \$2,000 in St. Louis. The robbers escaped.

The bronze tablet placed by Daughters of the American Revolution on the Split Rock in Pelham Bay park at New York to mark the spot where Anne Hutchinson and her household were massacred by Indians in 1643 has been stolen.

Governor Glynn nominated William D. Horablower as associate judge of the New York court of appeals and Bartow S. Weeks as justice of the supreme court for the first district. Both nominations were unanimously confirmed by the senate.

Former Senator Shelby Moore Cullom was buried in Oak Ridge cemetery, 300 yards from the Lincoln obelisk at Springfield, Ill. Statements from all sections of Illinois and hundreds of persons from Springfield attended the funeral.

Religious teaching in the public schools was urged by the Episcopal deans of the Chicago diocese in resolutions adopted at Rockford, Ill., calling on every board of education in the district to adopt a Bible reader acceptable to all denominations.

On the old Pines revolutionary road at Chappaqua, N. Y., near Horace Greeley's old home, a monument to him, erected by the Chappaqua Historical society, was unveiled on the one hundred and third anniversary of his birth.

After deliberating less than half an hour the jury in the case of the state against Harry Haberly, William J. Lutton and Charles Cramer, Atlantic City officials, on trial at Mays' Landing, N. J., for frauds at the 1909 election, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Nearly 1,000 residents of Grove City, Pa., are suffering from a strange malady which physicians are unable to name. The disease resembles winter cholera and is contagious. Many persons were stricken in church Sunday and were removed to their homes.

Systematic robbery by a "syndicate" composed of Philadelphia teamsters, who are accused of stealing goods valued at \$30,000, was revealed when four men were arrested on charges preferred by a hardware concern.

Six persons are dead and ten seriously injured as the result of the burning of the Kellcher hotel at Kellcher, Minn.

Approximately 1,000,000 men, women and children—about one-half the entire population of the city—took active part in the greatest religious demonstration in the history of Chicago. The "Go-to-Church" Sunday campaign was responsible for the 500,000 increase.

The presence of smallpox in Pecatonica, Ill., caused Dr. C. E. Crawford, state health officer, to issue orders for a general vaccination bee in the village.

Chicago women proved to the world that they are going to take advantage of the right to vote. A grand total of 153,897 suffragists went to the polling places and registered.

Fines aggregating \$28,000 were imposed at Juneau, Alaska, on six corporations which pleaded guilty to discriminations in restraint of trade and conspiracy to monopolize wharf facilities at Skagway.

The Aero club of America announced at New York that it had given its sanction to an aeroplane race around the world, to be started from the Panama-Pacific exposition grounds in San Francisco in May, 1915, and to be completed at the same place within ninety days. The first prize will be \$100,000.

Swift & Co. and three railroads were indicted at Chicago by a grand jury before Judge K. M. Landis in the United States district court on charges of rebating and soliciting rebates. The packing firm alone faces a possible maximum fine of \$1,200,000 on the charges.

Dr. Charles F. Akeid, once pastor of the Rockefeller Baptist church in New York, but since then pastor of the First Congregational church at San Francisco, announced to his congregation that he favored the new religion of former President Elliot of Harvard. The auditors were amazed at his declaration.

Mexican Revolt

President Huerta of Mexico in a message said that he had an army of 135,000 and would increase it 50,000 "with the pacification of the republic as the intention." His policy, he concluded, was solely to establish peace.

Charge Nelson O'Shaughnessy was instructed to inform all foreigners, as well as Mexicans in the City of Mexico, of the lifting of the embargo against the importation of arms from the United States. Americans are fleeing to Vera Cruz as riots against foreigners are feared.

"The Mexican war will not last much longer," said Gen. Francisco Villa, at Juarez, and other rebel leaders, on learning that President Wilson had lifted the embargo against the shipment of arms and ammunition into Mexico.

Personal

Maj. Bluford Wilson of Springfield was elected president of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad company, succeeding John P. Ramsey.

Henry M. Pindell of Peoria, Ill., who was recently nominated and confirmed by the senate at Washington as ambassador to Russia, has declined the appointment.

Gen. James Grant Wilson, soldier, editor and author, died in New York.

Foreign

President Guillermo Billinghurst of Peru, who assumed office in the fall of 1912, was taken prisoner by military revolutionists headed by Dr. August Durand and removed to Callao, from which port he will be sent into exile in a foreign country.

Paul Schmitt, an engineer in France, has constructed an aeroplane of great carrying power. In a recent flight he took a ton and a half 5,000 feet high in half an hour.

NEW LAW BENEFITS

STATE TO STAND EXPENSE OF ROADWAYS BORDERING ON PUBLIC LANDS.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

From the Capital City, the Various State Institutions and From Many Different Parts of the Sunshine State.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Pierre.—The last legislative session provided a special appropriation for road work on highways bordering upon state lands, complaint having been made by the local authorities of the expense all being placed upon the community, with the state paying nothing for such work. This complaint was the strongest from counties in which there is a large amount of state land held in extensive tracts and which must be crossed by people residing in sections separated by these state tracts. Any work for which the special appropriation of \$15,000 can be used must be under contract let by the state land department, after viewing the proposed work along with local officials. Such a contract has just been let for work at several points in Marshall county, the whole amount being about \$3,000, which goes to that county. The contract was let at the extremely low rate of 19 cents a yard. Frank Puntine of Langford being the bidder at that price.

Newspaper Men as Candidates. Pierre.—Newspaper men of the state have for many sessions put up the claim that the legislature has not been giving them fair treatment, and for the next session are boosting for the election of several prominent news men who have been put forward as legislative candidates. One of those is J. D. Reeves of the Groton Independent, who is one of the old guard of the press, and who has held the office of state auditor for two terms, and who would be a strong member if selected, he being one of the Republican minority candidates for the senate from Brown county. Another of the list they hope to see land is Paul Dutcher, of the Brookings Register, who is a minority candidate for the senate from Brookings county. He has had legislative experiences as a house desk clerk, and knows the ways of legislation. F. B. Patterson of the Potter County News-Courier, who was a member in the last session, is an independent Republican candidate in Potter county, the Republicans of that county refraining from holding proposal meetings. John Widlon of the Viborg Enterprise, is a majority candidate for the house from Turner county, and if elected would be an active member.

Four Million Trout in Hills. Deadwood.—Nearly four million trout were distributed in the various streams of the Black Hills during the year 1913, according to a report furnished Forest Supervisor Kelleter, by Superintendent Booth of the United States fish hatchery at Spearfish, where the trout were raised. Of this number over two and a half million were of the black spotted variety, 821,000 of the brook trout, 63,000 of the rainbow and 131,000 of the locklaven type. The spawn for these trout are annually secured by Superintendent Booth in the Yellowstone National park and then nurtured at the hatchery until ready for planting, much of which is done by individuals on government permit through the congressman. Every stream in the Black Hills is now well stocked for this year's fishing.

Committeemen Attended to Money. Pierre.—The attorney general holds that proposal committeemen who attended the judicial proposal meetings are entitled to mileage even though no endorsement was made. The mileage was for attendance and not for endorsements. An inquiry from Davison county he also holds that the chairman of a proposal committee may fill vacancies on the ticket regardless of what may be the cause of such vacancy. The query was on contention of attorneys that the only manner in which a chairman could act was where there was a vacancy after acceptance of the nomination and a resignation. But this contention was held to be not good, the power being to fill vacancies when the candidate selected refused to accept as well as in any other contingency.

Vermillion Oratorical Contest. Vermillion.—John A. Johnson of Mt. Vernon, an arts and science junior won the university home oratorical contest with an oration entitled "The American Laborer," in which he pleaded for bridging of the gulf between master and man. Herbert B. Rudolph, Canton, arts and science sophomore, received second place with an oration on "Our Philippine Policy."

Effington to Incorporate. Effington.—A movement has been inaugurated here to have Effington incorporated under the general laws of the state. It is expected a special election soon will be called so the proposition can be voted on. If all the new towns in this (Roberts) county should incorporate the county would have ten incorporated towns.

E. D. Pichell, a rural mail carrier at Huron, was thrown from his wagon and seriously injured, when his team ran away.

ULTIMATUM BY JIM HILL.

Town of Garretson Asked to Close Saloons.

Sioux Falls.—That James J. Hill has decided that unless the saloons are voted out of Garretson he will move the division headquarters of the Great Northern railroad from Garretson to Jasper, Minn., a point eleven miles north of Garretson, is the report which is in circulation, apparently on good authority. In fact, an official of the railway company is authority for the statement that his company will make no more improvements in Garretson until the saloons are voted out for good.

This is taken to mean that the railway company is in reality contemplating the removal of the division headquarters. It appears that the railway company has had a great deal of trouble as the result of some of its employees drinking to excess in Garretson, and this is supposed to be the reason for the railway company serving the anti-saloon ultimatum. The question of renewing or refusing saloon licenses will come before the voters at the spring election, and, according to present indications, a strong effort will be made to defeat license and thus keep the town in the good graces of Mr. Hill and the subordinate officials of the railway company.

Peculiar Mixup Revealed.

Pierre.—An interesting legal contest is up in Stanley county as a result of the failure of the State bank at Fort Pierre some time ago. John Hayes, the president of the bank, was doing a loan business through a Minneapolis firm, and negotiated a loan for a woman homesteader through the firm of Barnes & Co. of Minneapolis. The loan firm took a mortgage on the property and turned the money in to a Minneapolis bank, which was the correspondent of the Fort Pierre bank in that city. Just about that time the crash came, and as the Fort Pierre bank was indebted to the Minneapolis bank, they held on to all the funds they could secure. The result was that the Minneapolis loan firm had advanced the money and secured a mortgage on the property of the applicant for the loan, but the applicant never received any consideration for the note and mortgage given. An effort to foreclose has brought out these facts in the defense, and the question at issue appears to be who is out, the loan company or the homesteader who gave the mortgage and did not receive any consideration for the same.

Knotty Land Contest.

Lemmon.—The commissioner of the general land office at Washington has just decided the most important and most hotly contested homestead entry fight ever originating in the Lemmon land office, in favor of the contestant, Walter Highy. Highy contested the entry of a man named Benson to a homestead in Perkins county on the ground that Benson did not maintain a residence on the land, nor in South Dakota, Highy won the decision in the local land office and the case was appealed to Washington. The hearing at Lemmon took up four days, twenty-one witnesses being heard. The general land office decided as did the local land office, and Benson loses the homestead, although he had seventy acres broke and had it in crop.

"Pure Ad" Law Invoked.

Bridgewater.—Gelfand & Gelfand, formerly of Sioux City, who were acquitted from charges based on the transient merchant ordinance, now have been arrested for alleged violation of the "pure advertising" law passed by the last legislature. They have been advertising the sale of a \$15,000 stock of merchandise and local authorities claim the stock will not invoice one-third of that amount. It is claimed here that this is the first prosecution in the state under the terms of the legislative enactment against untrue and misleading advertising.

Leases Rich Ore Lands.

Webster.—A. T. Cooper, vice president of the Farmers and Merchants' National bank of Webster, has returned from Duluth, Minn., where he succeeded in closing a deal with the Pittsburgh Iron company for the leasing of a tract of iron ore land owned by himself, David Williams and Mrs. John Williams, near Riverton, Minn. The property is valued at \$60,000,000 and the Pittsburgh company pay royalties aggregating \$420,000 yearly on the property. The royalty is 60 cents a ton and the company expects to mine at least 70,000 tons a year. The property is said to be among the richest on the Minnesota iron range.

Rapid City Pioneer Dead.

Rapid City.—J. D. Patton died in this city of a cancerous affection of the liver. Mr. Patton was an old settler in this part of the county and one of the best known hotel men in the Black Hills. He was the owner of the Patton house and was in active management of it up to about a year ago, when he leased it, owing to continued ill health. Mr. Patton was a veteran of the Civil War and had passed his three score years and ten.

Evangelist Remig, who held meetings in the Pauly building at Miller, was threatened with death in a letter mailed in the local postoffice unless he left town at once. He says he will not leave.

Building at Onida.

Onida.—Notwithstanding that it is the heart of the winter, a great deal of building is in progress here and plans are being made for the erection in the spring of a number of new business houses and residences.

NEWS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Western Newspaper Union News Service. A petition is being circulated asking that the question of granting saloon licenses be submitted to the voters of Summit at the spring election.

The Rev. C. F. Fountain, pastor of a church at Pierpont for some time, has left for California, where he has accepted a pastorate at Hughson.

At a preliminary hearing at Dupree, Clarence Muth, charged with the theft of an automatic revolver, was held to the circuit court under \$1,000 bonds.

F. H. Albrecht of Madison, Minn., has purchased the hardware and implement business of A. H. Hevener at Wilmot, and the firm will be known as the F. N. Albrecht Implement company.

James Westmoreland, the Aberdeen weather prophet, who is a close rival of Irl R. Hicks as a prognosticator, states that the country may expect some extremely cold weather a little later on.

The voters of Platte are liberally signing a petition to the city council which will be asked to submit to the voters the proposition of changing the municipal government of Platte to the commission plan.

C. D. Haskell, cashier of the First National bank at Gregory, and W. A. P. Zutz, assistant cashier of the Gregory National bank, have purchased a controlling interest in the German American bank of Burke.

The condition of Judge Conrad Holtenbeck of Fremont has shown some improvement. He is able for the first time in several weeks to rest in a reclining position. This is regarded as a most favorable development.

An important event in Britton business circles is the retirement from active business of J. E. McDougall, for many years head of the farm implement and vehicle house of J. E. McDougall & Son, and a pioneer implement man of the state.

Horses to the value of \$23,000 have been shipped from Burke during the past few weeks, all of them having been purchased from the homesteaders and ranchers of that vicinity, who are finding the horse raising industry a profitable one.

The report of the government weather bureau at Pierre for January shows that the mercury did not get down to zero at any time in that month, getting within one of that point for the lowest. December showed one below as the low record for that month.

To illustrate the mildness of the winter in northwestern South Dakota, Pete Toft went down in a ravine near his house near Buffalo the other day to clean out a spring, and he found a fine fat frog hopping about as lively as though the month was June instead of January. A meadow lark is reported to have been seen at Karinen last week.

People living along Rabbit creek in Perkins county were surprised last week to find the creek running bank full. As there had been no rain or snow to cause a rise in the stream they were at a loss to account for the matter, but finally concluded the warm weather of the past few weeks caused the springs to thaw, and the unusual flood followed.

Ever since the new state printing law went into effect the contracting printers have been complaining of the extremely low prices, but each quarterly bidding appears to show a slight reduction over the previous one. The last bidding at the close of January shows that former prices were discounted, the number of bidders being practically the same as for former lettings.

James Coogan, a wealthy farmer of the North Bend neighborhood, arrived home from Ireland, bringing with him a girlish looking bride of 20 summers. Coogan is 72. He has been a bachelor all his life up to four weeks ago, when he was ready to start back from Dublin to America. Coogan and the girl he brought from Ireland decided to make the trip together and were married the day the boat sailed.

It is reported the Milwaukee railroad company is about to institute an action against the Wessington Springs concert band for the recovery of a sum alleged to be due the railway company for a special train, which was furnished the band last summer when it went to Woonsocket to play for the water carnival there. The railroad company claims a sufficient number of tickets were not sold to meet the requirements of the contract entered into when it agreed to furnish the special train.

A tall, lank stranger, as to whose identity or vocation nothing can be learned, he having told the police that they should "go to and find out," broke into jail at Grand Island. He called at the Kaumann saloon and asked for work enough to get something to eat. The owners had no work for him and suggested that he go to the horse sale stables. He had been there, he said, and it was poor advice. The man left the saloon and immediately upon reaching the outside, hit the painted eagle on the plate glass front a blow that took out most of the main tail feathers and caused a Carrie Nation scare.

Because of the small number of auto licenses taken out in the state for 1914 a notice has been issued stating that the law requires the license number on every car and authorizing the county sheriffs to arrest any one caught running a car without one.

A movement has been inaugurated to have a soldiers' monument erected on the county court house grounds in Howard. While the movement was started by some of the old veterans, it is expected the Commercial club and the women's civic league will aid the movement.